

REPORT

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

OF

The articles imported during the year ending 30th June, 1845, the duty on which exceeded 35 per cent. ; made under the 27th section act 30th August, 1842.

DECEMBER 8, 1845.

Read, ordered to lie on the table, and to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *December 4, 1845.*

SIR: In obedience to the requirements of the 27th section of the act of August 30th, 1842, entitled "An act to provide revenue from imports, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes," I have the honor to communicate to the Senate the accompanying report from the office of the Register of the Treasury.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

R. J. WALKER,
Secretary of the Treasury.

HON. GEORGE M. DALLAS,

Vice President and President of the Senate.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Register's Office, December 4, 1845.

SIR: Herewith I hand you a statement prepared in this office, pursuant to the 27th section of the act of August 30, 1842. The quantity and invoice value are taken from the usual commercial returns made to this office under the act of the 10th of February, 1820. The rates of duty are taken from the present tariff law. The duties actually paid are computed upon the invoice cost. The wholesale market value at the several ports of these several articles cannot be ascertained from the records of this office. No adequate provision has been made by law for obtaining this information. The value, as given, has been arrived at by first adding the duties to the invoice cost, and then adding twenty-five per cent. on both for freight, insurance, and merchant's profits. On this assumed wholesale price the duties exceeding thirty-five per cent. have been cast. As

the rates of freight, insurance, and profits are not the same on different articles, no reliance can be placed upon the correctness of this estimate; still I am not aware that one nearer the truth can be compiled from the means within the control of this office.

It is respectfully suggested that, without legislative provision on this subject, no useful information can be obtained under this law of 1842. It would be better to repeal the law, than to prepare annually statements upon which no reliance can be placed. The useful information contained in this statement is annually furnished under the law of 1820, above referred to.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. H. GILLET.

Hon. R. J. WALKER,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Statement exhibiting the articles imported during the year ending the 30th June, 1845, the duty on which exceeded 35 per cent. on the wholesale market value of such articles; prepared in conformity with the 27th section of the act of 30th August, 1842.

Articles.	Imported.		Rate of duty.	Duties per act of 1842.	Aggregate amount of duties and costs.	25 per cent. for freight, insurance, profit, &c.	Wholesale market value.	Ad val. duty on wholesale market value.
	Quantity.	Value.						
Cotton bagging, of other materials than hemp or flax - - - sq. yards	228, 448	\$11, 194	<i>Per cent.</i> 5	\$11, 422 40	\$22, 616	\$5, 654	\$28, 270	40. 4
Wines, white and red, in bottles, of Austria, gallons	49	10	15	7 35	17	4	21	35
Spirits—								
Foreign, distilled from grain - - do	606, 311	262, 543	61. 78	374, 578 94	637, 122	159, 281	796, 403	47
Foreign, distilled from brandy - do	1, 081, 314	819, 540	1	1, 081, 314	1, 900, 854	475, 214	2, 376, 068	40. 5
Foreign, distilled from other materials do	270, 484	78, 957	61. 78	167, 105 02	246, 062	61, 515	307, 577	54. 3
Sugar, loaf and other refined - - lbs.	2, 044, 862	132, 991	6	122, 691 72	255, 683	63, 921	319, 604	38. 4
Syrup, of sugar and cane - - do	112	3	2. 50	2 80	6	1	7	40
Dates - - - do	89, 271	1, 114	1	892 71	2, 007	502	2, 509	35. 6
Spices—								
Pepper, black - - - do	1, 012, 986	37, 875	5	50, 649 30	88, 524	22, 131	110, 655	45. 7
Pepper, Cayenne, &c. - - do	17, 861	1, 699	10	1, 786 10	3, 485	871	4, 356	41
Pimento - - - do	2, 832, 750	164, 690	5	141, 637 50	306, 328	76, 582	382, 910	36. 8
Ochre, dry - - - do	2, 119, 639	22, 023	1	21, 196 39	43, 219	10, 805	54, 024	39. 2
Whiting, and Paris white - - do	26, 584	305	1	265 84	571	143	714	37. 2
Cordage—								
Tarred, and cables - - - do	1, 114, 839	67, 209	5	55, 741 95	122, 951	30, 738	153, 689	36. 2
Untarred - - - do	415, 915	22, 381	4. 50	18, 716 17	41, 097	10, 274	51, 371	36. 4
Glass—								
Cut chandeliers, candlesticks, &c. - do	41, 701	20, 968	45	18, 765	39, 733	9, 933	49, 666	37. 7
Plain, moulded, or pressed tumblers - do	5, 233	380	10	523 30	903	226	1, 129	46. 3
Demijohns and carboys—								
Exceeding ½ gallon, and not above 3 gallons each - - - No.	6, 568	1, 686	30	1, 970 40	3, 656	914	4, 570	43. 1
Exceeding the capacity of 3 galls. each do	11, 503	3, 722	50	5, 751 50	9, 473	2, 368	11, 841	48. 5
Lead—								
Shot - - - lbs.	1, 341	59	4	53 64	113	28	141	38

STATEMENT—Continued.

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Lead—			<i>Per cent.</i>					
In sheets, and forms not specified - lbs.	4, 231	\$156	4	\$169 24	\$325	\$81	\$406	41.6
Manufactures of iron—								
Spikes, cut or wrought - - do	16, 430	526	3	492 90	1, 019	255	1, 274	38.6
Chain cables, and parts - - do	1, 992, 849	57, 193	2. 50	49, 821 22	107, 014	26, 753	133, 767	37. 2
Wrought, for ships, locomotives, and steam-engines - - - do	123, 201	5, 613	4	4, 928 04	10, 541	2, 635	13, 176	37. 4
Chains, other than cables - - do	264, 270	10, 718	4	10, 570 80	21, 289	5, 322	26, 611	39. 7
Sad-irons, hatters and tailors' irons - do	17, 983	512	2. 50	449 57	962	241	1, 203	37. 3
Nail or spike rods, slit, rolled, or hammered - - - - do	36, 788	929	2. 50	919 70	1, 849	462	2, 311	39. 8
Hoop iron - - - - do	406, 337	9, 252	2. 50	10, 158 42	19, 410	4, 852	24, 262	41. 8
Writing paper - - - - do	42, 124	5, 912	15	6, 318 60	12, 231	3, 058	15, 289	41. 3
Coke or culm - - - - bush.	18, 267	564	5	913 35	1, 477	369	1, 846	49. 4
		1, 740, 724	-	2, 159, 813 87	3, 900, 537	975, 133	4, 875, 670	1, 221. 4